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For: **PIPERIDINE-N-OXIDE DERIVATIVES****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-12, 14 and 16-17, and cancel claims 13 and 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.